

SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
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September 10, 2015

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Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2015	Correction: The Chair talked about the concrete channel of the river over by Del Charro which is very dirty dismal and he would like to give some thought to how we can clean up that area. <i>Ms. Doremus moved to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2015 as amended, second from Mr. Buscher, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i>	1
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Santa Fe River Commission
Thursday, September 10, 2015
6:04 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.
500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jacobi, Chair convened the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission at 6:04 p.m. Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. Roll call was done as introductions by each member, a quorum was established at 6:09 p.m.

Present

Jerry Jacobi, Chair
John R. Buscher
Dale Doremus
F.M. Patorni
Zoe Isaacson
Anna Hansen
Emile Sawyer
Luke Pierpant

Not Present

Phil Bové

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator, City of Santa Fe Staff
Richard Ellenberg
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Allen Hook, City of Santa Fe Water Division
Nate Downey, Santa Fe Permaculture
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the Agenda as presented, second from Mr. Patorni, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Doremus moved to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2015 as amended, second from Mr. Buscher, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

a. Introduction of New Members (Jerry Jacobi)

Mr. Jacobi allowed new members to make their introductions during roll call, he would like to hear their backgrounds later in the meeting.

b. History of River Commission (Jerry Jacobi, prevailing members)

Mr. Ellenberg introduced himself and was asked to review history of his views of the work needed to be done by the Santa Fe River Commission. Mr. Ellenberg discussed the water release system and the River Ordinance. The Purpose of the River Fund and the Alameda Rain Garden, were also discussed. Mr. Ellenberg discussed his frustrations

Mr. Buscher discussed his work background and history of living in Northern New Mexico, his care for the lands in different organizations. Mr. Buscher discussed his work on cleaning trash and thinning the Elm trees and all other projects that are currently ongoing.

Ms. Doremus discussed her background, working in water quality as a hydrologist. Ms. Doremus discussed the work on the diversified watershed project and with Groundwater and Surface Water Quality. Now, Ms. Doremus works with the Interstate Stream Commission. Ms. Doremus briefly discussed the reservoirs and current vegetation and new life. It is her hope each new member and current members can bring expertise to the Commission. She has been a member since 2001.

Mr. Jacobi discussed his background, education and work experience as a teacher in Wisconsin. Mr. Jacobi has been on the Commission since it began in 2007.

Mr. Jacobi asked the new members to discuss in more detail their backgrounds.

Ms. Hansen discussed her work on parks and on other Committees. She expressed her interest in Politics and is happy to help in that manner as she is acquainted with several local politicians. Ms. Hansen worked on Oshara the sustainable subdivision and is currently the Art Director for the Green Fire Times. She is also a member of the West Santa Fe River Alliance and their concerns of the river in the area west of Frenchy's Park.

Ms. Isaacson discussed her land reclamation background, she works for the abandoned mine department. She works on the Closures and Restoration of the abandoned mines for the New Mexico Energy Minerals Resources Division.

Mr. Patroni discussed his engineering background and work in Africa and India. His last 10 years working with the World Bank Institute he trained managers on policy. Mr. Patroni joined the Santa Fe Watershed and was President for several years.

Mr. Sawyer discussed his interest in ecologist issues, his work in forestry. Mr. Sawyer discussed his work trail building and tree planting, survey and collecting forestry data. Has a degree in Hydrogeology currently works for the Interstate Stream Commission, works coordinating with Federal Agencies and endangered species. He will be moving to the New Mexico Environment Department in the next few months.

Mr. Pierpant discussed his background, he is an attorney who works with Municipalities and individuals with water rights. He discussed his impression of the view of the River in his neighborhood within the last 11 years or so, it has come back to life. He is excited to be on the Commission.

Mr. Hook introduced himself and explained his job with the City and the Water Division.

Mr. Otto introduced himself and the work he does with the Santa Fe Watershed Association and what the nonprofit does.

Mr. Downey introduced himself, he owns Santa Fe Permaculture.

Ms. McDonald introduced herself and her work with other organizations and now her job duties with the City of Santa Fe. She explained how the Subcommittees work together, the Mayor has expressed his interest in attending the next meeting.

Mr. Jacobi reviewed the Resolution that was passed and the targets the Santa Fe River Commission were charged with. Mr. Jacobi discussed the River Trails and the work with Youthworks. A trip should be planned up to the Watershed by all members sometime in the fall. Mr. Jacobi encouraged the new members to view the videos that are posted on the City website and on Youtube to familiarize themselves with the Watershed system. Ms. McDonald will email the links to all members. Mr. Jacobi also encouraged the member to review the Masterplan and passed a copy around.

Mr. Jacobi discussed the Santa Fe River Fund that was attached the customers water bill and use the funds as needed. Ms. McDonald updated the Commission on the sign up and how they are going to streamline the system, it should be up and running at the end of October. It is a restricted fund that is monitored by the City Council.

Mr. Buscher discussed the options to keep more water in the River by doing more work on arroyos. Mr. Buscher discussed aquifer recharge and recovery and the water passed the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the right of way through the City. Mr. Buscher explained the contamination of an old gas station and the Rain Garden project.

Ms. Hansen briefly discussed the plan for the Water History Park and Museum, perhaps they can attend a meeting and describe it in detail.

Ms. Doremus discussed the County Trail Initiative plan, Ms. McDonald updated the Commission on their plans within the next few months. It may be part of the Annex planning. Ms. Doremus requested a presentation by someone from the County to attend a meeting to give updates.

Ms. Hansen discussed the corridor plan the West Santa Fe River Alliance is working on and would like a member of this Commission to attend the discussions or attend one of the Commissions meeting.

Mr. Cook asked about the Camino Real signs, Ms. McDonald will find out and let him know.

c. Sub-Committee discussion-evaluation and assignments (Jerry Jacobi, Staff)

Mr. Jacobi would like to get ideas first and then make assignments. Mr. Jacobi would like to work on the Wetlands Subcommittee and get it passed through the Council. Ms. McDonald suggested that people brainstorm on email and created a list and then ranked them like another Commission did previously. After ranking them, then the subcommittees would be formulated. Mr. Jacobi presented McDonald with the list from a few years ago to go off of.

Mr. Buscher recommended that they review with the Mayor and the Council their interests, it would make it easier to get things done.

Ms. Hansen will not be able to attend the next meeting when the Mayor may attend, and would like to be here when the tour is scheduled for the Watershed.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were not any matters to discuss.

6. MATTERS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

There were not any matters to discuss.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF-Project Updates

Ms. McDonald discussed the process if the Commission Members have anything they would like to discuss at upcoming meetings, she is always available.

Mr. Sawyer would like to schedule the Watershed tour soon. Ms. Hansen would like to attend, Ms. Isaacson may not be able to however the Alternates can go or attend meetings when member cannot.

Mr. Buscher would also like to schedule a tour of the River area near Frenchy's park.

Mr. Buscher thanked Mr. Jacobi for continuing on as chair of the Santa Fe River Commission.

8. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters to discuss.

9. ADJOURN

Ms. Doremus moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., second by Mr. Sawyer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Jerry Jacobi, Chair



Linda Vigil for Fran Lucero, Stenographer